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Title

Multiaxial Universal Testing Machine

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Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number _____ and Confirmation number _____, filed _____) the application number and filing date of said application when known.

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MULTIAXIAL UNIVERSAL TESTING MACHINE

the application of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on October 28, 2004 as United States Application
Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/PT2004/000026
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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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PT 103034	Portugal	October 28, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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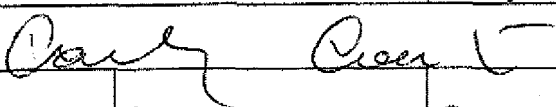
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